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Mr. Steve Ritchie, Acting Executive Director
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Re: Final Programmatic EIS/EIR

Dear Mr. Ritchie:

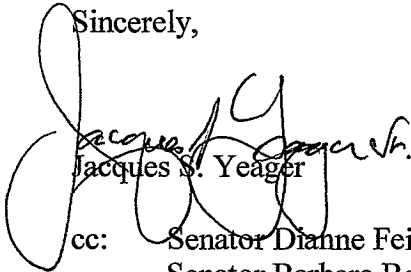
Listed below are my concerns after reviewing the "Cal-Fed Final Programmatic EIR/EIS":

1. Cal-Fed has not done enough to study the environmental impact of this large-scale conversion.
2. Cal-Fed offers no plan to replace this lost land.
3. Cal-Fed should conduct its habitat-restoration work on the existing government-owned land.
4. Farmers would like to be partners in restoration activities and Cal-Fed should work with farmers in a cooperative spirit.
5. Farmers should be encouraged to maintain and enhance voluntary habitat-conservation efforts.
6. Adequate, reliable and affordable water is vital to farmers.
7. Cal-Fed must move aggressively to develop new water storage to provide adequate yield in dry years.

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8. Water-efficiency requirements can affect the ecology of farmland by allowing salts to build up and reduce flow of water into underground aquifers. Cal-Fed should study these impacts before imposing water-efficiency requirements.
9. Cal-Fed should provide a better description to landowners what it means to live in the "Solution Area".
10. Public hearings should be held before Cal-Fed finalizes its plan.

Sincerely,



Jacques S. Yeager

cc: Senator Dianne Feinstein
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Governor Gray Davis
State Senator James L. Brulte
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